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Louisiana Ethics Administration Program
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RE: Advisory Opinion Request regarding the proposal that Craig Troxclair continue to be employed as a physician advisor after the state contract of Magellan servicing Medicaid and uninsured Louisiana residents is transferred separately to AmeriHealth Caritas and the Office of Behavioral Health after November 30, 2015

Dear Sirs or Madams:

My name is Craig Troxclair. I am a licensed physician specializing in psychiatry with a Louisiana license #022788. I have been employed as an independent contractor with Magellan Behavioral Health as a physician advisor since 2012. Magellan has been managing Louisiana Medicaid patients as well as indigent patients but the company's contract will be ending on November 30, 2015 and the patients will be divided among the 5 Bayou Health plans (for Medicaid patients) as well as the Office of Behavioral Health (for indigent patients). I have been offered part time positions with AmeriHealth Caritas and Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) to continue the same work as a physician advisor beginning on November 30, 2015. Rochelle Dunham with OBH asked that I contact the Louisiana Board of Ethics for an advisory opinion to insure that the divided work with the two separate organizations would not be considered a possible conflict of interest. Both organizations are eager for a favorable opinion due to the proximity of the start date and neither have voiced any concerns regarding my dual employment but would greatly appreciate your board's opinion.

The role of the physician advisor is to make determinations regarding the most appropriate level of care for identified patients. This task is completed through record reviews and peer-to-peer reviews with the facility that is proposing treatment to the patient. I have been conducting these reviews for the past three years for both Medicaid as well as indigent patients through the state contract with Magellan. These two separate patient populations will now be individually managed by AmeriHealth and OBH. There would be no overlap in which patients would be serviced by both organizations at the same time but patients may at one point or another gain or lose Medicaid benefits and, therefore, move between the two organizations. My role would have no bearing on the determination of whether or not a patient is eligible for Medicaid benefits and would be solely as an advisor to assess the recommended level of clinical treatment within each program. There has been no issue conducting these reviews for these two patient populations for the past three years while contracted with Magellan and I do not foresee any future issues after the work is divided between AmeriHealth and OBH.

If you need any clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (504) 606-6568 or by email at craigtroxclair0208@gmail.com. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



Craig Troxclair, MD

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From: Craig Troxclair <craigtroxclair0208@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 1:27 PM
To: Haley Williams
Subject: request for expedited advisory opinion from the ethics board
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Dear Haley Williams,

My name is Craig Troxclair. I am a licensed Louisiana physician specializing in psychiatry. I have been employed as an independent contractor with Magellan Behavioral Health as a physician advisor since 2012. Magellan has been managing Louisiana Medicaid patients as well as indigent patients but the company's contract will be ending on November 30, 2015 and the patients will be divided among the 5 Bayou Health plans (for Medicaid patients) as well as the Office of Behavioral Health (for indigent patients). I have just been offered part time positions with both AmeriHealth Caritas and Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) to continue the same work as a physician advisor beginning on November 30, 2015. Rochelle Dunham with OBH asked that I contact the Louisiana Board of Ethics for an expedited advisory opinion to insure that the divided work with the two separate organizations would not be considered a possible conflict of interest. Both organizations are eager for a favorable opinion due to the proximity of the start date in 2 weeks and neither have voiced any concerns regarding my dual employment but would greatly appreciate your board's opinion. Attached is my letter requesting the board's opinion with some additional information but if you need any clarification or additional information please do not hesitate to contact me by my cell (504) 606-6568 or email craigtroxclair0208@gmail.com. Thank you,

Craig Troxclair, MD